

- Group II: claims 8-10, 14-19 and 29 (in part), drawn to compounds and compositions;
- Group III: claims 11-13 and 29 (in part), drawn to compounds and compositions;
- Group IV: claims 20-27 (in part), drawn to a method of use of compounds of Group I;
- Group V: claims 20-27 (in part), drawn to a method of use of compounds of Group II;
- Group VI: claims 20-27 (in part), drawn to a method of use and compounds of Group II; and
- Group VIII: claim 28, drawn to a method of converting tetracycline resistant bacteria.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of claims of **Group I** encompassed by claims 1-7, and 29 (in part), drawn to compounds and compositions. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter of the canceled claims in this or later filed patent applications.

The Office also required election for searching purposes only a single disclosed species from within the elected Group for search purposes. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect 9-t-butyl-6-deoxy-5-acetylcarbonyloxytetracycline as the species, without traverse. It is Applicants' understanding that the species election is for searching purposes only and upon a finding of allowability of the elected species, the remaining species also will be searched.

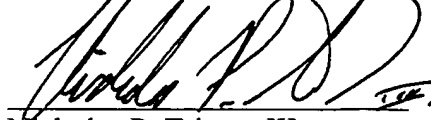
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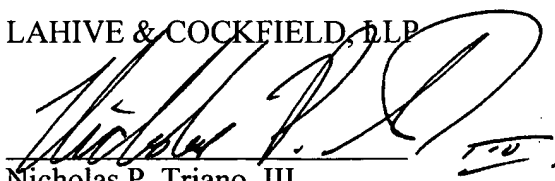
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